

BASEBALL SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

TINKER MAY HEAD MINOR CLUB —NOT TO PLAY SHORT

By Mark Shields

Joe Tinker for shortstop with the 1917 Cub ball team.

That is a rosy dream being agitated since Fred Mitchell was selected as manager of the North Siders, supplanting Tinker. And it is nothing more than a dream that will dissolve in a few days when the fans have become used to the new order of things.

It is an effort to smooth over the deposing of Tinker and lead to the belief that he may yet be seen in Chicago, where he is popular, and deservedly so. In time some other job will be found for Tinker, probably at the head of a minor team in some strong league.

Tinker has been inactive too long to come back as a regular player. His batting eye may still be good, but he is shy his old speed, and there is the recurring danger from the operation he went through a year ago.

If possible Tinker will be placed at the head of a strong minor team and do some scout work for the Cubs. He will look over the men in his circuit with a view to promoting them. He will also have a hand in developing men from his own club and may head a Cub farm.

At such work Tinker would be invaluable to the Cubs or any other big league team. He holds no animus because of the manner in which he goes. Officially he may be stamped a failure, but Joe can rest assured that the fans know the material he had to work with last year.

He made mistakes. There is no doubt of that. But no manager could have done much better with the athletes on hand at the North Side in 1916. And there is more than a suspicion that he was not free to do as he pleased. Maybe Joe was respon-

sible for sending Art Wilson to the Pirates and retaining Fischer, later having to give Fischer and Schulte to get Wilson back. Maybe he was, but it is more than a probability that Joe wasn't alone in that move.

Throughout last season there were hints—and strong ones—that some of the numerous Cub stockholders were taking a hand at managing the ball team, and no club has ever been successful under such conditions. Circumstances may be altered for Mitchell. If they are, he should be a success. If they are not, he will be the goat for anything that happens.

There is talk of a trade between Phila and Cubs by which Jimmy Lavender will be exchanged for Al Demaree. The cartoonist-pitcher is anxious to be a member of the locals.

Rumors of various other trades are flying, but none has support.

Barney Dreyfuss failed in his efforts to reconstruct national commission, eliminating Garry Herrmann, chairman. The other magnates of the circuit declared for the Cincinnati man, and that ended it. Dreyfuss was angered because the commission decided against his claim for George Sisler, St. Louis Brown first baseman, when that star entered professional baseball.

The league discussed regulation of the price of seats for world's series games, but left final decision to a committee from both majors. Two-bit seats will be restricted in several cities. Weeghman's plan for ladies' day did not get up for air. Mrs. Britton of the St. Louis Cards said she was ready to sell her team to Bob Hedges, former owner of the Browns, if the latter had any talking money.

Joe Welling, who meets Ritchie Mitchell at Racine Monday night, arrived here yesterday and is finishing his training at Bernstein's gym. Joe has kept in condition with frequent battles in the east and only needs